Subscription paid by AIR and Doordarshan to news agencies

2903. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the subscriptions paid by All India Radio and Doordar-shan to UNI PTI, Samachar Bharati and Hindustan Samachar during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) what is the basis of payments of subscription;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to revise the same; and

(d) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The amount of subscription paid during the financial years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as under:—

	1982-83 (in lakhs)	1983-84 (in lakhs)	1984-85 (in lakhs)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
PTI	44.79	45.88	45.88
NI	33.91	34.11	34.11
Hindustan Samachar	6.31	6.50	6.50
Samachar Bharati	6.10	6.50	6.50

(b) The subscription to the news agencies is with reference to the services rendered by them.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An Official Committee has been set up on 31-7-1985 to recommend within two months the criteria for determining the rates of subscription payable to the news agencies after taking into account related items like cost of maintenance of news services by the news agencies, the utility of their services to the media, requirement of Doordarshan etc., It has been decided that the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government would be given effect to from 1-1-1985.

Meanwhile, it has been decided that PTI and UNI would be paid beyond 1-10-1984J TO per cent over and above the rates v hich prevailed till 30-9-1^84. This would be a final settlement till 31-12-1M84 and beyond that date subject to adjustments as per the decision of the Government on the recommendations of the Official Com
mittee.

The Hindi news agencies will continue to be paid at the same rate as before until the Government decision becomes available.

Action against the Food adulterators in Delhi

2904. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA; SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of samples of food articles tested by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department of the Delhi Administration, year-wise during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of sample' found adulterated, year-wise;